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In re the Application of: Starkey )

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ELIGIBILITY FOR AN ASSISTANCE  
PROGRAM )

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**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)  
AND RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

Sir:

Applicant respectfully requests continued examination of the above-captioned application per 37 C.F.R. § 1.114(a) in response to the Final Office Action mailed on December 12, 2007. Applicants hereby petition under 37 CFR § 1.136(a) for an extension of time to respond to the Final Office Action for 3 months.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge \$405.00 for payment of the filing fee pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) and \$525.00 for the extension of time fee, as well as charge any deficiency in the fees and credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-1351.

In response, please enter this Response in the above-identified patent application.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 3;

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the Listing of Claims which begins on page 4 of this paper;

and

**Remarks** begin on page 11 of this paper.